(b) the number of Indian Seamen working on ships in the Gulf War Zones?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE-TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) Since the start of the Iran-Iiaq war, 3 Indian Seamen engaged through Seamen's Employment Offices Bombay/Calcutta have been killed in attacks on ships. Besides this, an Indian national working on a UAE fishing boat also has been led when the boat was attacked by a U.S. Naval Ship in the area.

(b) There is no fixed number of Indian flag vessels or foreign flag ves-sels who may be employing Indian Seamen which operate in the War zone. it is, therefore, not possible to indicate the number of Indian Seamen working on ships in the War Zone.

**Protection of tribal culture**

@2555. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will tie Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether he is aware that rapid industrialization of the tribal belts of India in destroying the tribal culture and trl'wl way of life in our country;

(b) whether any study has so far been made by Government;

(c) if so, what are the recommendations of the study undertaken;

(d) what steps are, being taken by Government to project the tribal culture which is being threatened by rapid industrialization; and

(e) if no steps are being taken, what are the reasons therefor?

@Previously Unstarred Question 9154, transferred from the 27th No-vttnbexv 1987.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MI NISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

**Telecommunication services in Asan sol Raniganj**

2556. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY. Will the Minister of COMMUNICA TIONS be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government have re ceived any communication regarding expansion and improvement of tele communication services in Asanso Raniganj industrial complex; and

(b) if so, the details of action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICA TIONS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) Yes, Sir. Communications from different sources, particularly from Ranijang Chamber of Commerce have been received for expansion and improvement of telecommunication services of Asansol-Raniganj industrial comlpex.

(b) The following actions have been taken;

(i) In March, 1987 Asansol ex change has been expanded from 2400 lines to 3000 lines. 500 new connections will be previded durin the period 1987-88.

(ii) 2000 lines equipment of I.C.P. type has been allotted for installa tion in Raniganj replacing the pre sent one. This is likely to come up in 1990-91.

(iii) Barakar exchange will be expanded from 600 lines to 800 lines by March, 1988.

(iv) Two co-axial groups one between Calcutta-Raniganj and the other between Asansol-Raniganj have been introduced to increase
the trunk circuits. One new group between Raniganj and Durgapur
has been introduced on microwave syston to improve trunk working
between these two places.

(v) To improve upon the working of junction circuits, two 30 chhasmel PCM systems, one between AgaotisolUNeamatpur and the other betwiien Asansol-Ba'rakar have been installed.

**Passeniter facilities at stations bet ween Howrah and Burdhaman**

2557. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY: Will this Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state;

(a) whether there is any proposal to provide drinking water, electric lights, tlheds, over-bridges etc. to all stations between Howrah and Bar-dhaman (both on main and chord line);

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) what is the number and names of those stations on the above lines having these facilities at present; and

(d) what are the steps taken by Government to provide these facilities to the remaining stations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA); (a) Yes, Sir. Passenger amenities are provided at stations as per norms laid down.

(b) there is a proposal to provide electricity at Porabazar and a foot-over-bridge at Nimo Halt Station.

(c) A statement showing the names of the stations and the facilities avai lable is enclosed. See below).

(d) These facilities have been pro vided at these stations as required. Consistent with the growth of traffic, these facilities will be improved on a programmed basis.

Statement

| S. No. | Name of Station | Amsnities available | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | Drinking water | Electricity | Sheds | Foot-over-bridge |
| 1. | Lilna . | Available | Available | Available | Available |
| 2. | Belur | Do. | Do. | Do. | Do. |
| 3. | Bally | Do. | Do. | Do. | Do. |
| 4. | Uttarpara | Do. | Do. | Do. | Do. |
| 5. | Hind Motar | Do. | Do. | Do. | Do. |
| 6. | Kcnnagar | Do. | Do. | Do. | Do. |
| 7. | Rishra . | Do. | Do. | Do. | Do. |
| 8. | Seianpore | Do. | Do. | Do. | Not Available |
| 9. | Seoraphull | Do. | Do. | Do. | Do. |